

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for taking the time to discuss the case with the undersigned on January 15, 2004. At that time various proposals for amending the claims best to address the feature discussed the Examiner in the last three lines of page 6 and the first paragraph of page 7 of the Final Rejection were discussed. The present Amendment makes what is believed to be the best form of amendment. More particularly, each independent claim has been amended to specify that neither adhesive layer contains a heat-sealing agent. For this reason and for the reasons presented already in the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111 filed August 22, 2003, it is believed that the case is in immediate condition for allowance.

The Examiner's detailed rejections of the claims is noted and appreciated. It is believed, however, that with the changes discussed above, the claims patentably define over the art for the reasons appearing in the Final Rejection itself and the rejections should be withdrawn.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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